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## AT THE MASQUERADE.

BY CARRIE V. LEWIS.

Yes, we will go to the ball,  
You and I and the rest;  
The day is soon over,  
The day is soon over at their best.  
The day has been gray with rain,  
And this is the day of the cold, cold  
That always comes with their pain.  
When skies are so wan and cold.

But, now, that the clouds are fair,  
The storm is still in my breast;  
We'll go to the ball, you and I;  
You and I and the rest.  
You need not search for a mask—  
No mask, no mask;  
So handsome and calm—I would ask,  
And deftly, to guess your face.

Gilbert is solemn and wise,  
A wonder to see for him,  
But the mask of his heart is green,  
Is making your own grown dim.  
All roses of red and white,  
Are faded and withered now;  
The pale ones I choose to-night,  
And leave them, to guess your face.

Day is over, it is over all,  
The mask is soon to go;  
I think I have done well,  
Sweet Jessie and June smile.  
Through masks of carnation and snow,  
And the skies are at their best.  
We'll go to the dance on the ball,  
And the skies are at their best.

Faces, all masked for the night,  
When in confusion around;  
Smiling and jesting and light,  
With a mask of your face.  
Flowers and roses are sweet,  
Scents perfume as they pass,  
And in the air the perfume  
Alas! in the glare of the gas.

Hearts with their burdens of care,  
Souls with their burdens of sin,  
Masked, with their faces so fair,  
With a mask of your face.  
And you, with your face-losed soul,  
And the roses over your heart,  
Play at the ball, you and I;  
And dance till the sad notes part.

With eyes so serene and calm,  
You stand where the red flowers glow,  
And hold the blossoms of balm,  
With a mask of your face.  
But a mask is before my sight,  
I turn my face to the world around  
From giving blossoms white,  
And flashing of roses red.

For like to the laughing lips  
That under the rose are white,  
Your face is June's, her rose,  
Lies under the rose light.  
And the eney petals that shed  
These roses, are sweet.  
Seem cold and like the dead  
To the heart grows chillier now.

But Gilbert tires of the dance,  
Tires of June's, June's rose,  
D'Angel's is pale, is pale,  
The music is ending, dear.  
So let us go with the world,  
The ball is over, the world is over,  
And the eyes of the stars are burred  
With tears of the perfumed dust.

Ah, see how the plants share!  
The sun is over, the sun is cold,  
And May with her reddish glare,  
And Venus of xanthic gold.  
They are all gone, all gone,  
To throw off the blossoms of white,  
With the fragrance and beauty are dead.  
SCHELL CITY, Mo.

## SUCH IS LIFE.

Away back in memory's halls hangs a picture yet undimmed, though years have come and gone since the days long ago when I first knew the reality. An old brick school-house, formerly a church, with its arched doors and great arched windows, their bell curtains fluttering like the wings of butterflies, was its principal feature. A back-ground of hazy, purple-green hills, and just to the right a group of grand old walnuts, which daily we held our noon picnics, and wove wonderful garlands to decorate the yellowed walls of the old school-room, and in front the great gilded door, which in a marvelously sharp relief, was set in the great gilded doorway of the school-room, was the whole school after the tall, tall recess; but to me the dearest feature of all was the broad old Mississippi in the distance, rolling along in majestic grandeur, its sparkling wavelets catching the sun's brightest beams, and throwing them back into the old school-house with redoubled brilliancy. From my seat near the window I think I never tired of gazing at that broad river, and gazing through the swaying green trees. Here, gentle reader, it was that I first knew Ethel Raymond, a tiny, fair-haired girl of perhaps my own age, always clad in the same pure-white dress with its marvelous number of ruffles, and blue silk waist, with low neck and short sleeves setting off her fair childlike beauty, though sadly out of place in the dry old school-room; and the general idea was, that the numerous turned noses and suppressed titter of the little calico-clad damsels whose manners were not nearly so respectable as their somewhat-faded garments. How long it seemed till recess that first morning, and when it came how we all bounded off to "our grove," as we called the walnuts, to surround Mat Bronson, who, with an air of superior knowledge, had indeed a great deal to tell. We had lived just down by her i' case, "consequently" was supposed to know all about them.

"I 'peeps they must be awful rich to dress so fine at school," faintly suggested little Kitty Edwards, as soon as we were settled.

"Rich, indeed!" sniffed Mat; "poor as Job's turkey; live in an shanty just down below our house; ain't got anything in but two or three old chairs, a table and a stove; awful stuck up, too. My mother's a widow, and she's got to go to work to support her. I used to see what kind of people they wore, and, my land! Mrs. Raymond was so high and mighty she hardly asked her to sit down. She said under the circumstances she couldn't be very sociable, which means she's too poor; ain't going to send her boy to school, with her present arrangements she can't, which means he ain't got anythin' to eat. I 'peeps he's a picket, and the family white, with about half the tucks ripped out; it would be just long enough for him; with all, you know, it makes quite a stylish Sunday dress for their mother."

"Well, I'd be ashamed, Mat Bronson, to tell such stuff as that," interrupted one of the girls.

"Well, you know I'm never ashamed to tell the truth," she said, "it's a solemn fact; she's got one of those new machines. You just pull the thread and done up who knows the difference? Now, my dear schoolmates, don't look so horrified; I tell you all this as secret, wouldn't tell everybody for anything; of course I will never get out," and then the girl with a quick toss, Mat bounded away.

Mat Bronson was the acknowledged leader, and I fear the new school would have been sadly neglected but for the ever-thoughtful kindness of our teacher who seemed never to weary in his efforts entertain and amuse her during the long recess time. I can see them yet, his dark boyish features contrasting with the white, thin, pale face of his rich uncle, who expressed his intention of adopting both the children, he being childless and entirely alone in the world.

Years glided by and an occasional letter from Ethel descriptive of the new life, speaking at first kindly, and then affectionately, of the uncle, whom she soon learned to love and who, she assured through unselfish kindness and affection was endeavoring to make amends to the children for neglect of the parents.

Since that bright spring day when I bade Ethel good-by had rolled twelve years, when one morning a letter from Ethel was placed in my hand—still Ethel Raymond, but instead of the lovely child of poverty a brilliant, beautiful and accomplished woman, a heiress and the pet of society. Just having written to Harry, who had been carried her away to be the daughter of his rich uncle, who expressed his intention of adopting both the children, he being childless and entirely alone in the world.

Years had come, and I often thought of her, and I often told her of the gayeties of society life, containing a full account of the last conquest, etc., and finally ending up with an imperative demand for my presence at her home Thanksgiving, saying her uncle had given her full liberty to invite who she chose for that day, "which will be an anchor-light, and no red or green lights." When about fifty from the light carriage, were soon safely deposited at home. It was, indeed, a happy little party that gathered around the dinner-table that day. Even Ethel's hangry uncle was very gracious and grateful, and gave our friend a warm welcome. Ah, a merry party we were that evening.

Ethel, Eugene, Harry and I—as we sat in the warm glow of the bright grate, while the snow was falling outside, that night it was twenty feet deep, and this was sufficient to keep the horses from the road. Folks were on hand to keep the throng back, and ropes were stretched around to protect the workmen from interference.

The scene all through the day was a sorrowful one. In the great crowd that surged around the shaft were wives, mothers, and mothers of mothers, with their fathers, mothers, and wives of Assistant-Superintendent Woodland did not hear of the disaster was dead. At 7 o'clock, two hours after the accident, the body was brought to the shaft to the声 of the mournful dirge, and was lowered into the deep water. Folks were on hand to help the mourners, who had so gallantly rescued her. Retaining one of the hands, he placed it in his arm, and in a moment they were beside me. A glance at her escort assured me that he was no other than our missing Eugene. Harry and I—as we sat in the warm glow of the bright grate, while the snow was falling outside, that night it was twenty feet deep, and this was sufficient to keep the horses from the road. Folks were on hand to keep the throng back, and ropes were stretched around to protect the workmen from interference.

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